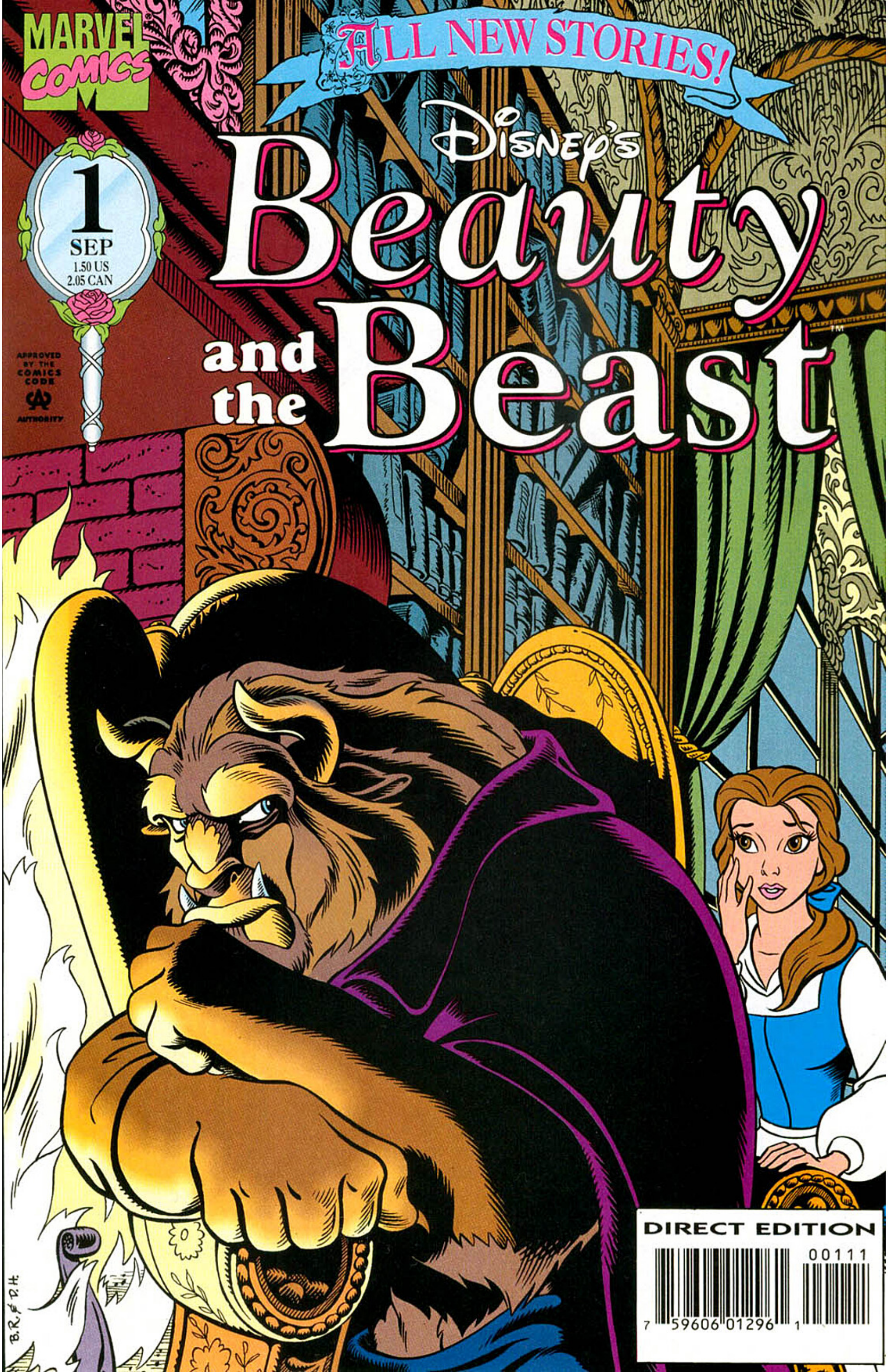
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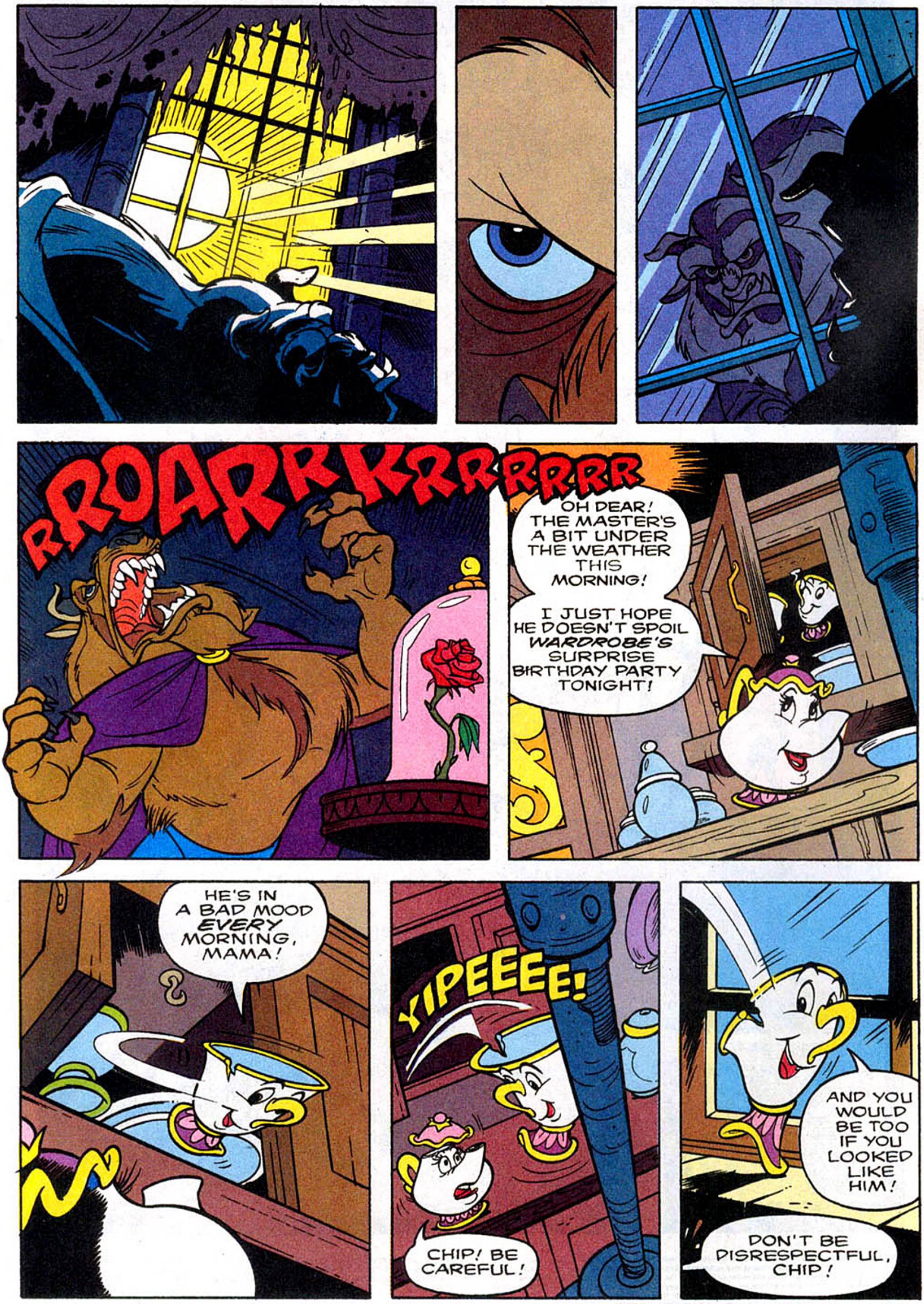
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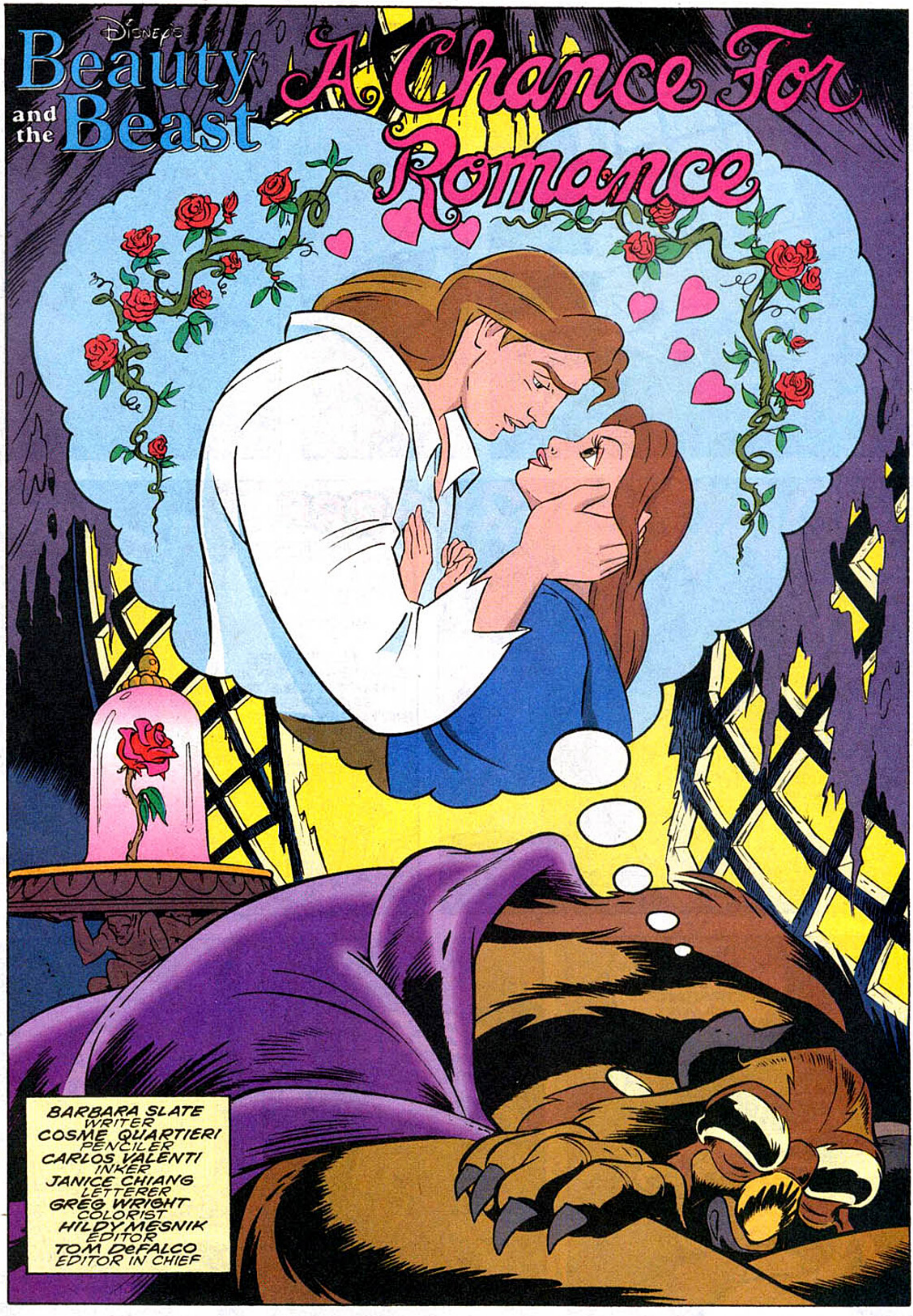
OH DEAR! THE MASTER'S A BIT UNDER THE WEATHER THIS MORNING!
I JUST HOPE HE DOESN'T SPOIL *WARDROBE'S* SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY TONIGHT!
HE'S IN A BAD MOOD *EVERY* MORNING, MAMA!
YIPEEEEE!
CHIP! BE CAREFUL!
AND YOU WOULD BE TOO IF YOU LOOKED LIKE HIM!
DON'T BE DISRESPECTFUL, CHIP!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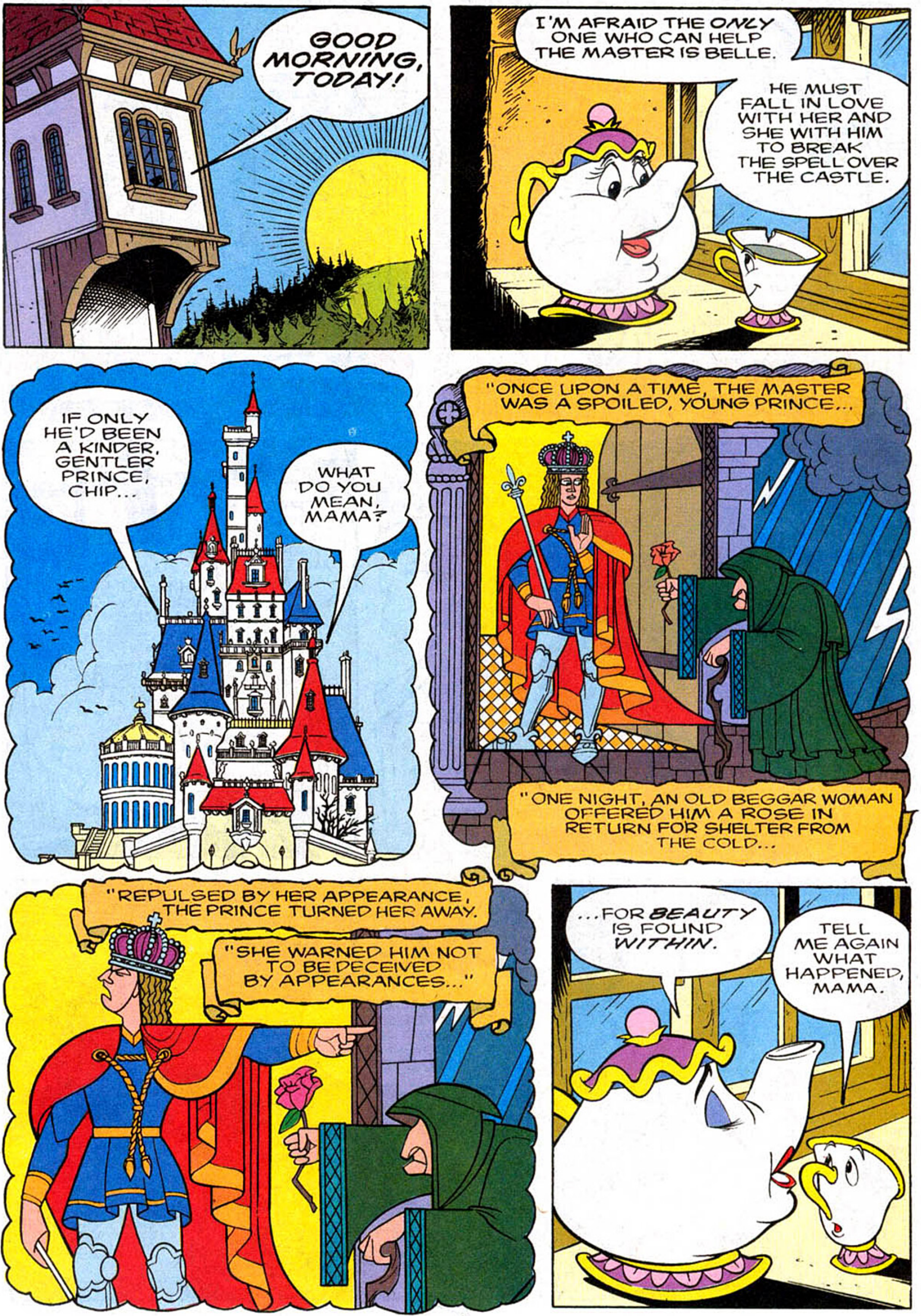
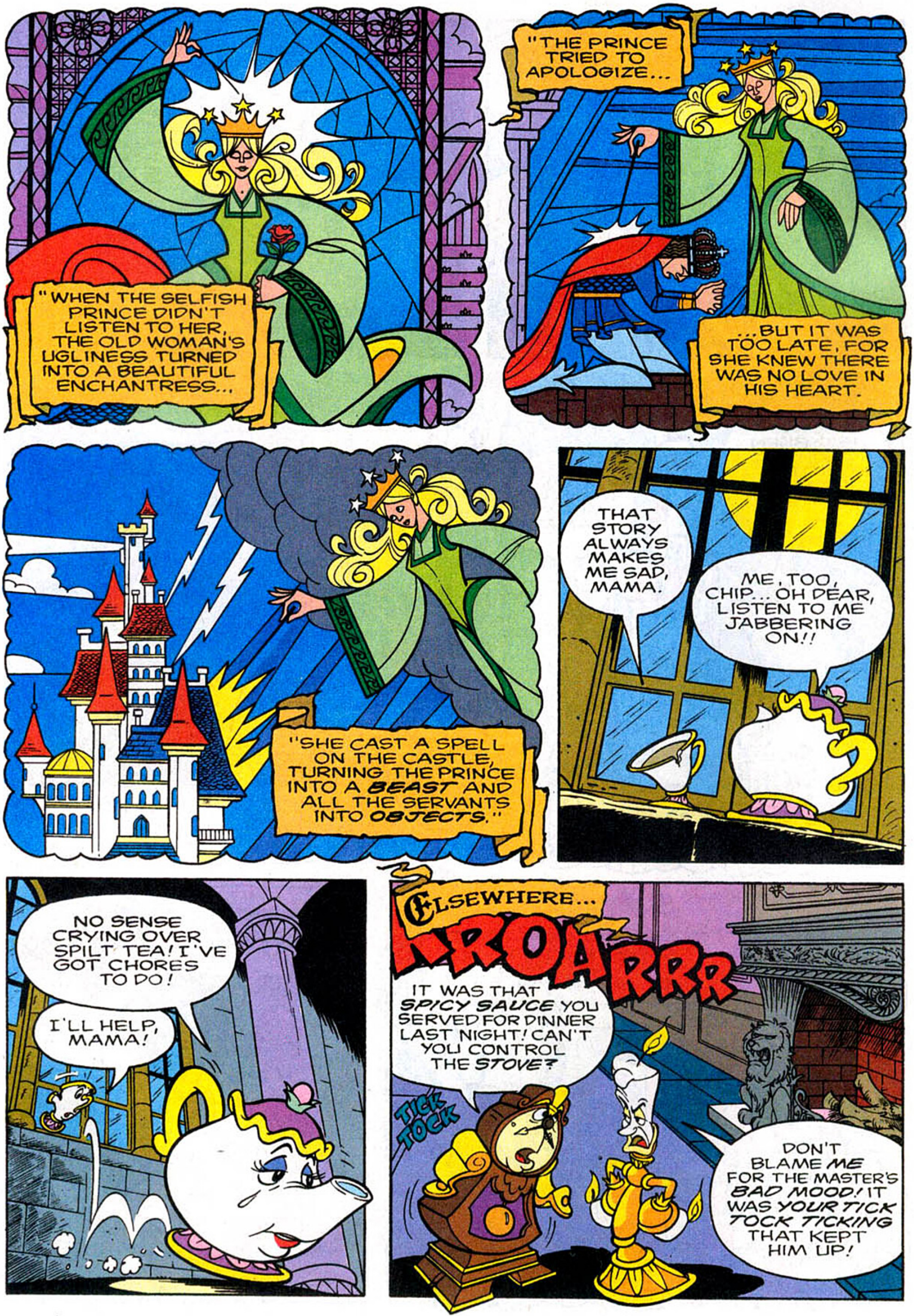
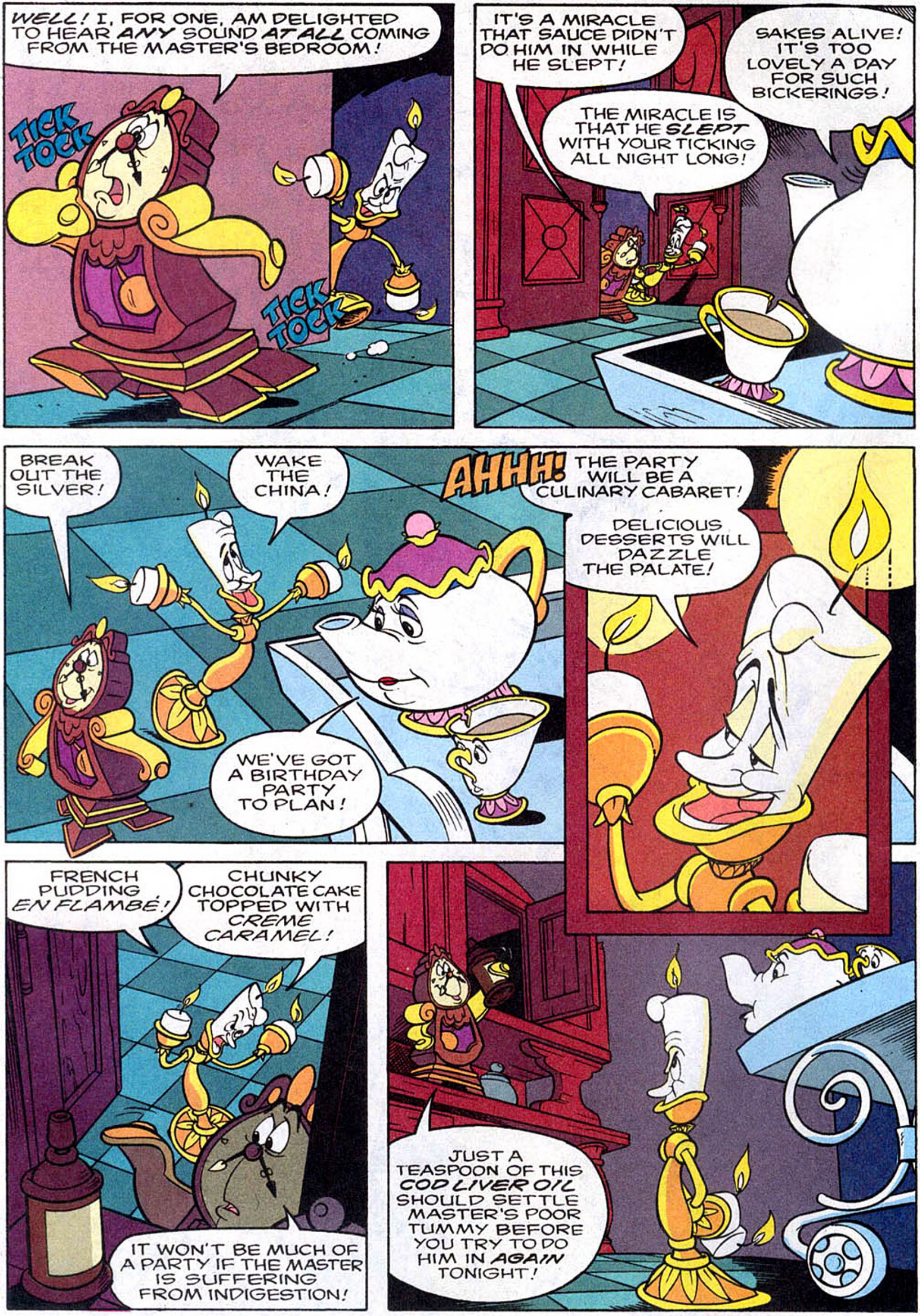
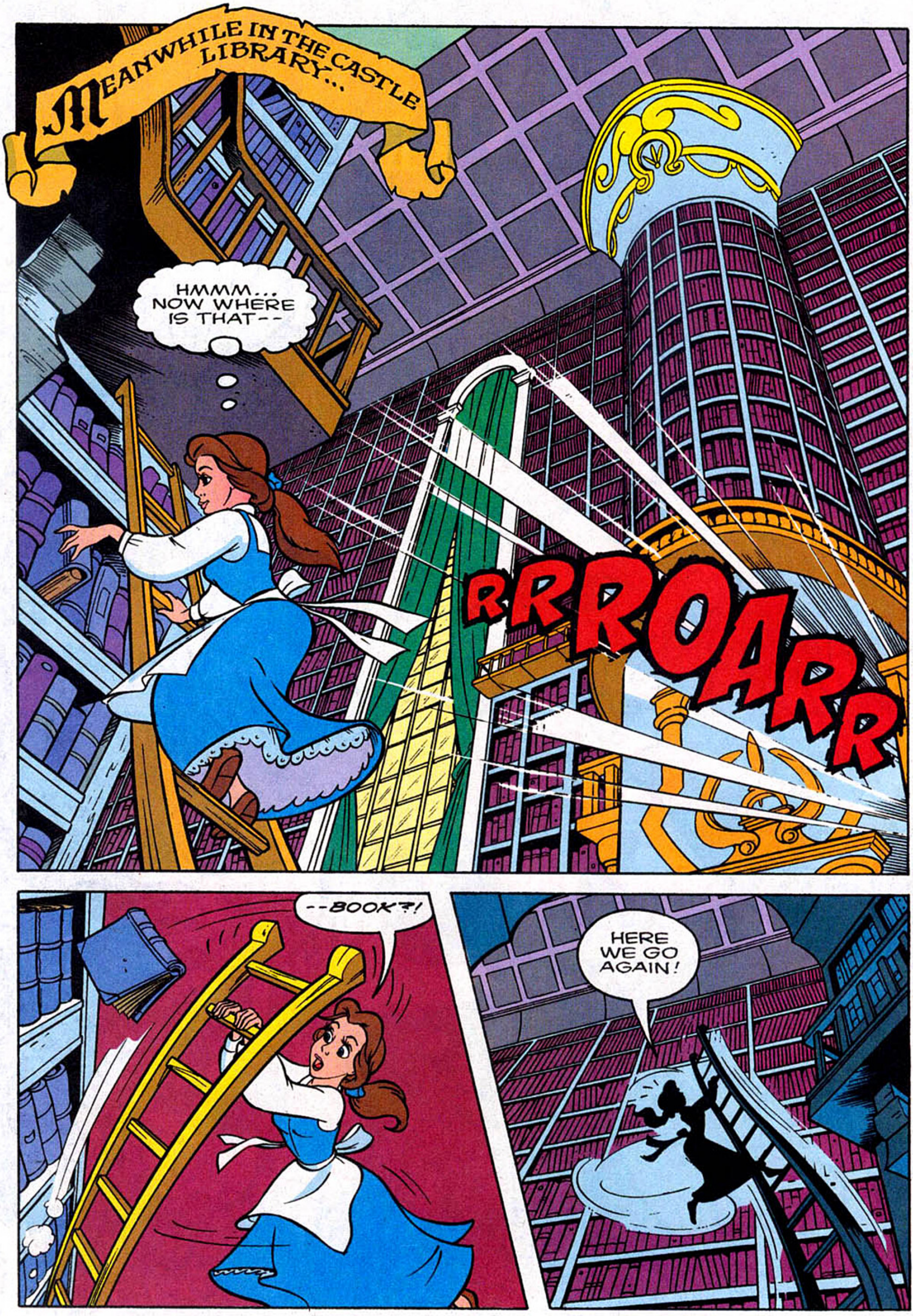
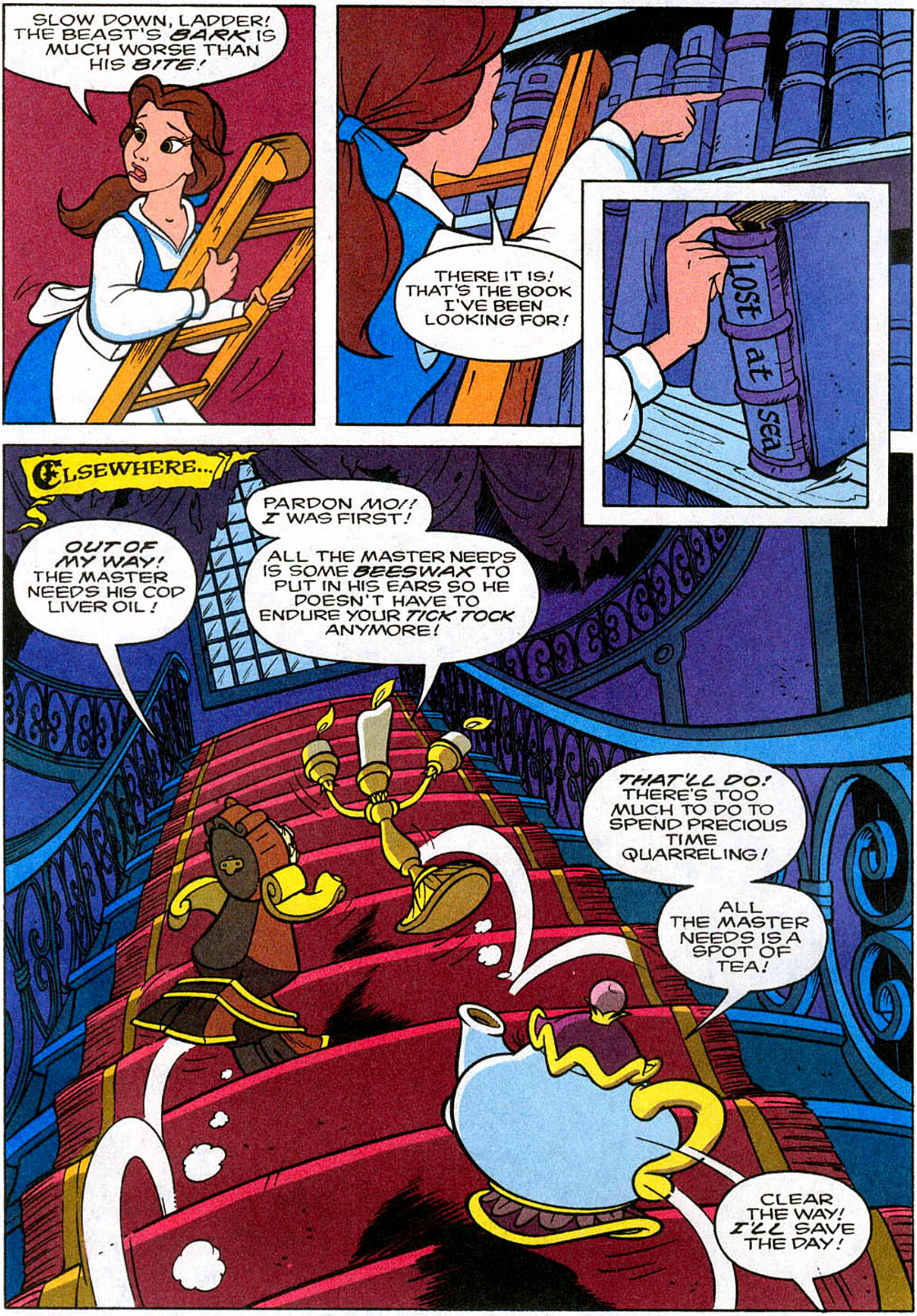
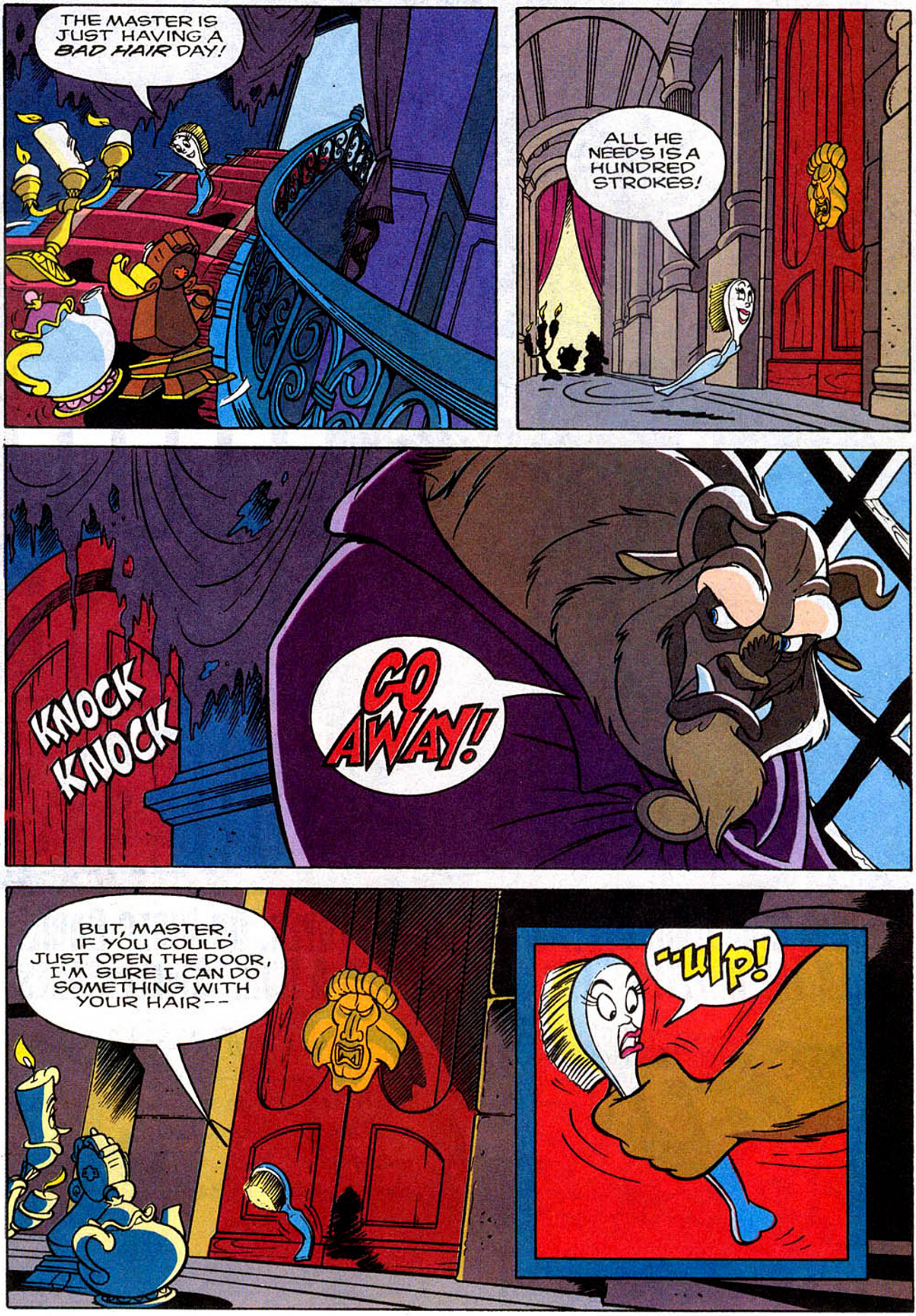

GOOD MORNING, TODAY!
I'M AFRAID THE *ONLY* ONE WHO CAN HELP THE MASTER IS BELLE.
HE MUST FALL IN LOVE WITH HER AND SHE WITH HIM TO BREAK THE SPELL OVER THE CASTLE.
IF ONLY HE'D BEEN A KINDER, GENTLER PRINCE, CHIP...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MAMA?
"ONCE UPON A TIME, THE MASTER WAS A SPOILED, YOUNG PRINCE...
"ONE NIGHT, AN OLD BEGGAR WOMAN OFFERED HIM A ROSE IN RETURN FOR SHELTER FROM THE COLD...
"REPULSED BY HER APPEARANCE, THE PRINCE TURNED HER AWAY.
"SHE WARNED HIM NOT TO BE DECEIVED BY APPEARANCES..."
...FOR *BEAUTY* IS FOUND *WITHIN*.
TELL ME AGAIN WHAT HAPPENED, MAMA.

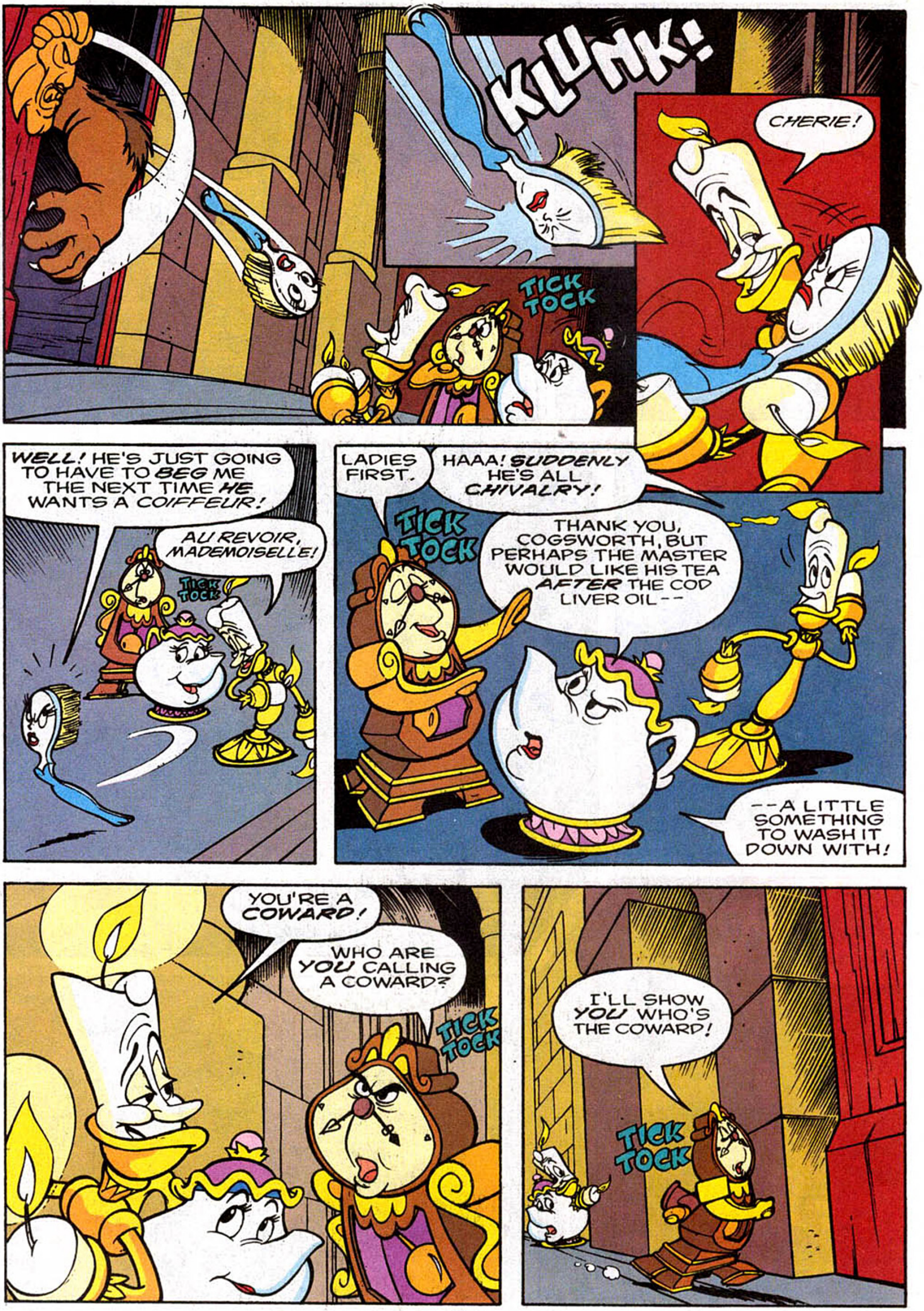

"WHEN THE SELFISH PRINCE DIDN'T LISTEN TO HER, THE OLD WOMAN'S UGLINESS TURNED INTO A BEAUTIFUL ENCHANTRESS...
"THE PRINCE TRIED TO APOLOGIZE...
...BUT IT WAS TOO LATE, FOR SHE KNEW THERE WAS NO LOVE IN HIS HEART.
"SHE CAST A SPELL ON THE CASTLE, TURNING THE PRINCE INTO A *BEAST* AND ALL THE SERVANTS INTO *OBJECTS*."
THAT STORY ALWAYS MAKES ME SAD, MAMA.
ME, TOO, CHIP... OH DEAR, LISTEN TO ME JABBERING ON!!
NO SENSE CRYING OVER SPILT TEA! I'VE GOT CHORES TO DO!
I'LL HELP, MAMA!
ELSEWHERE...
ROARRRR
IT WAS THAT *SPICY SAUCE* YOU SERVED FOR DINNER LAST NIGHT! CAN'T YOU CONTROL THE *STOVE*?
TICK TOCK
DON'T BLAME *ME* FOR THE MASTER'S *BAD MOOD*! IT WAS *YOUR TICK TOCK TICKING* THAT KEPT HIM UP!

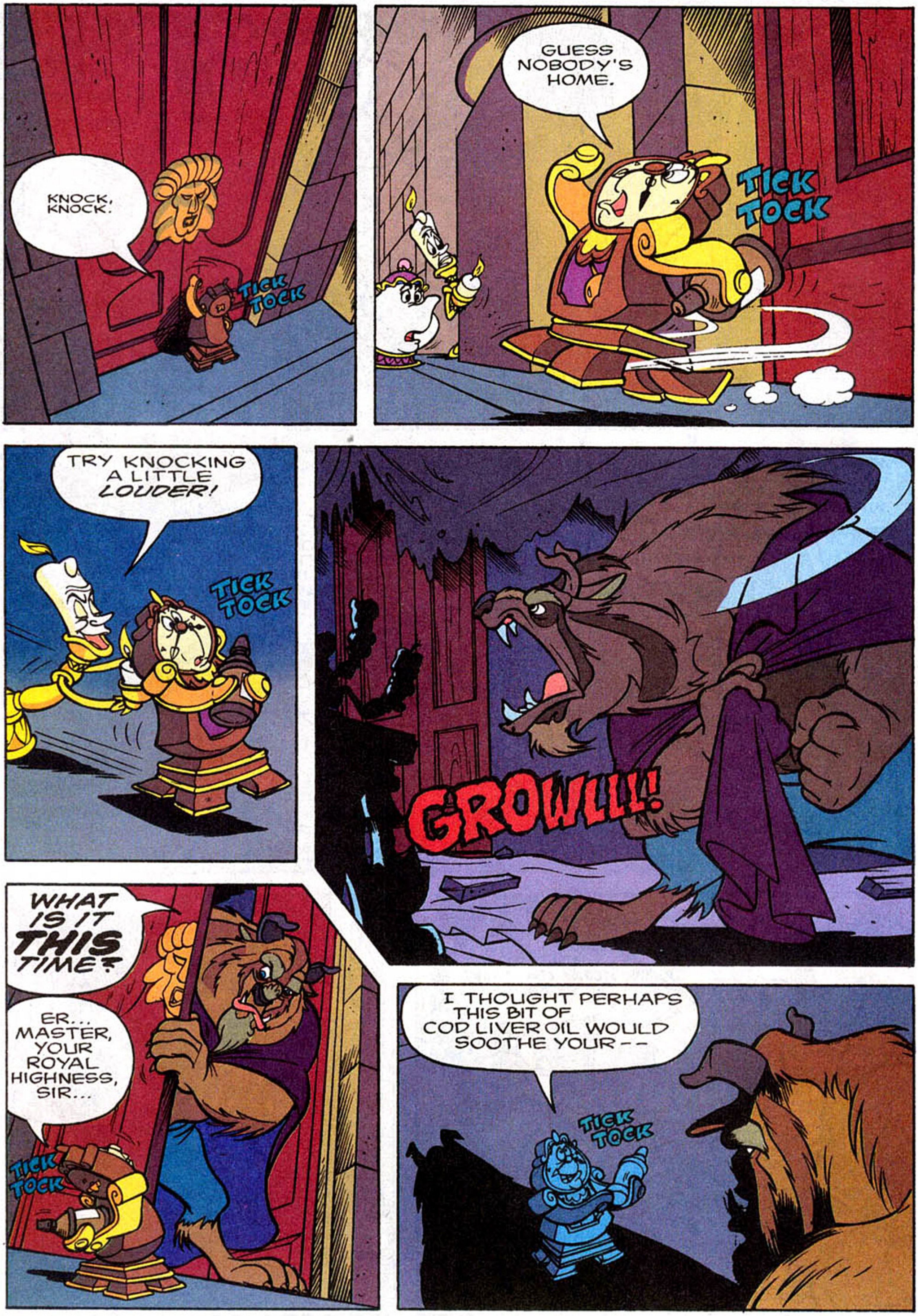

WELL! I, FOR ONE, AM DELIGHTED TO HEAR *ANY* SOUND *AT ALL* COMING FROM THE MASTER'S BEDROOM!
TICK TOCK
TICK TOCK
IT'S A MIRACLE THAT SAUCE DIDN'T DO HIM IN WHILE HE SLEPT!
THE MIRACLE IS THAT HE *SLEPT* WITH YOUR TICKING ALL NIGHT LONG!
SAKES ALIVE! IT'S TOO LOVELY A DAY FOR SUCH BICKERINGS!
BREAK OUT THE SILVER!
WAKE THE CHINA!
WE'VE GOT A BIRTHDAY PARTY TO PLAN!
AHHH!
THE PARTY WILL BE A CULINARY CABARET!
DELICIOUS DESSERTS WILL DAZZLE THE PALATE!
FRENCH PUDDING *EN FLAMBÉ!*
CHUNKY CHOCOLATE CAKE TOPPED WITH *CREME CARAMEL!*
IT WON'T BE MUCH OF A PARTY IF THE MASTER IS SUFFERING FROM INDIGESTION!
JUST A TEASPOON OF THIS ***COD LIVER OIL*** SHOULD SETTLE MASTER'S POOR TUMMY BEFORE YOU TRY TO DO HIM IN *AGAIN* TONIGHT!

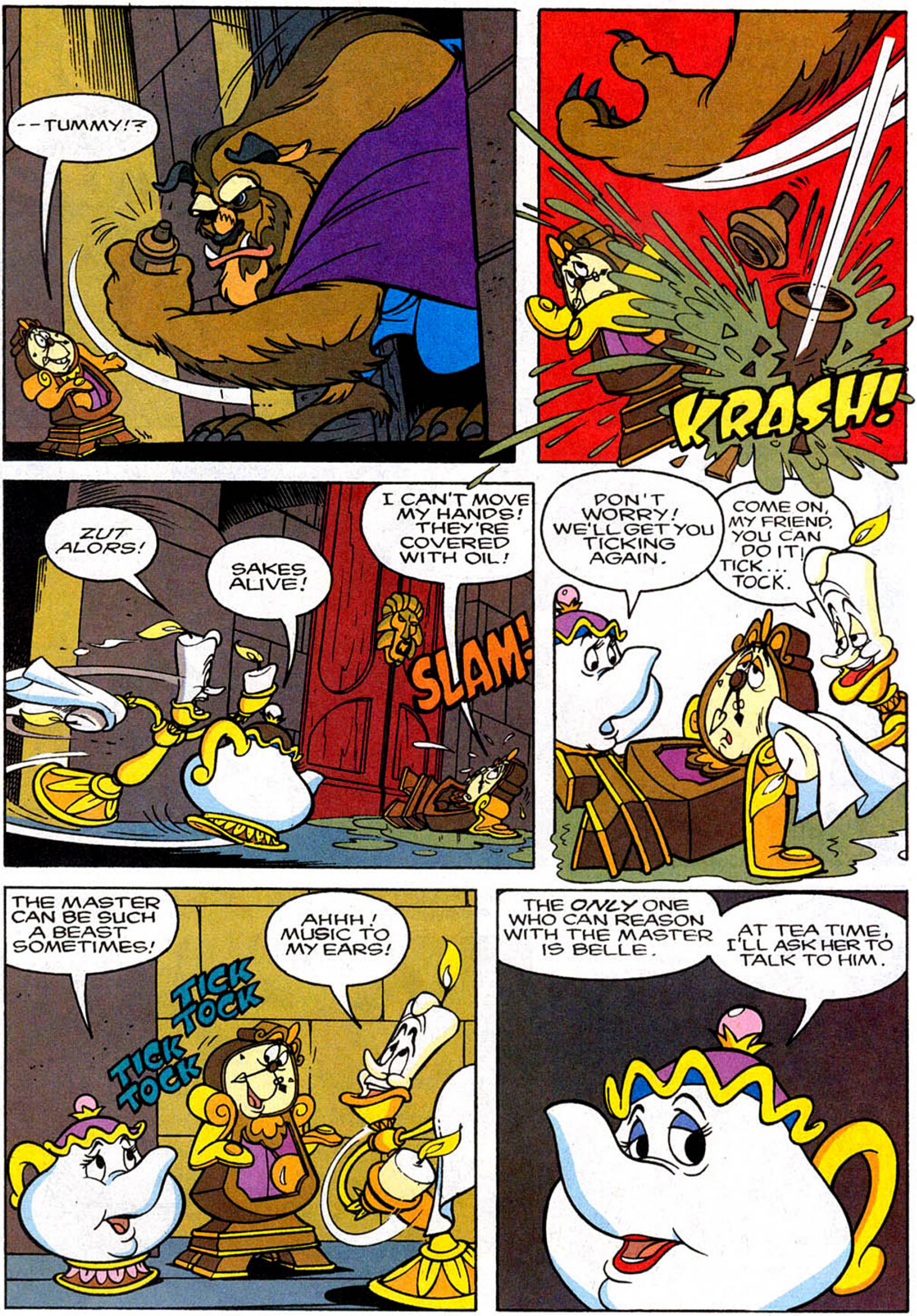

MEANWHILE IN THE CASTLE LIBRARY...
HMMM... NOW WHERE IS THAT--
RRROARR
--BOOK?!
HERE WE GO AGAIN!

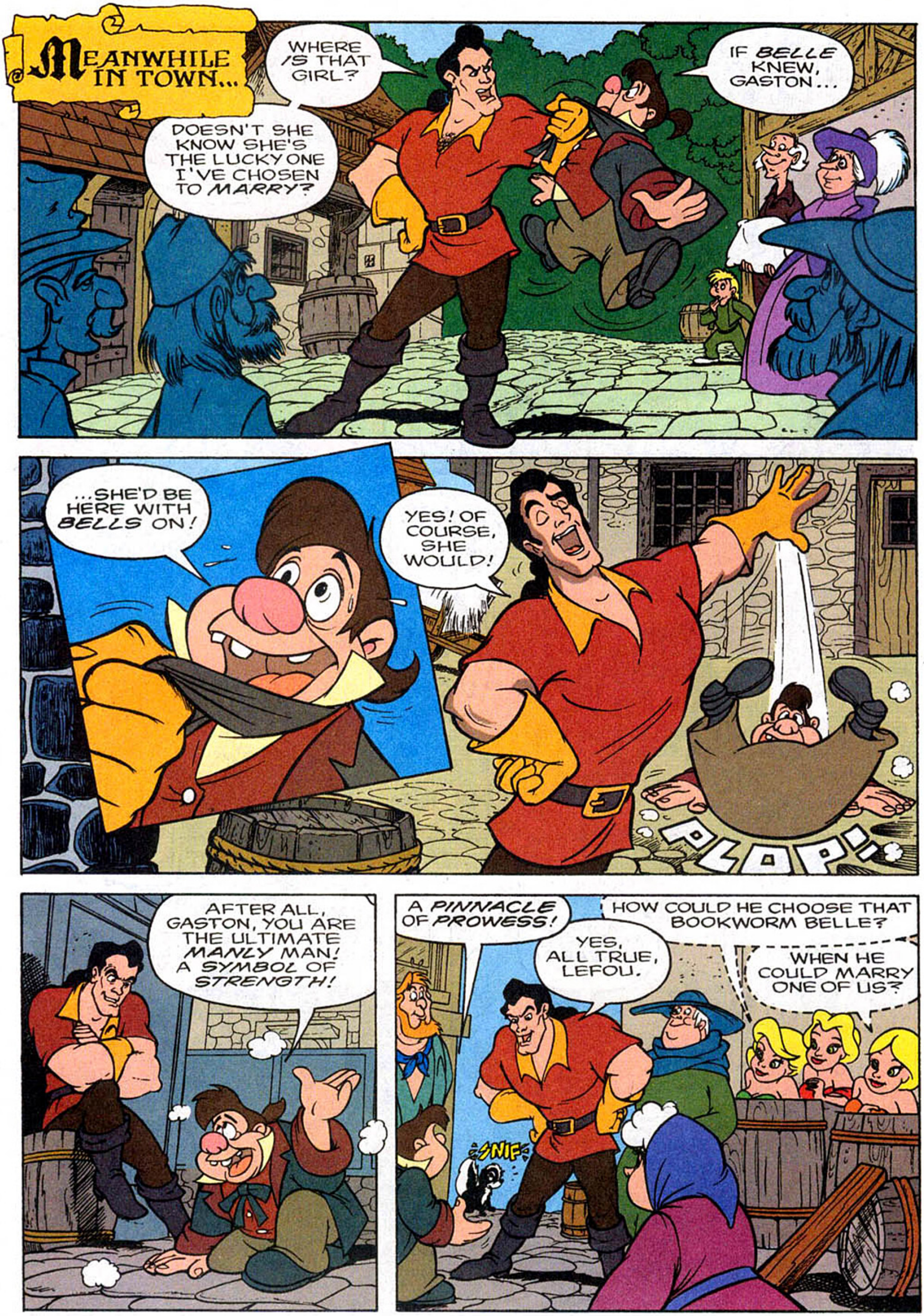

SLOW DOWN, LADDER! THE BEAST'S *BARK* IS MUCH WORSE THAN HIS *BITE*!
THERE IT IS! THAT'S THE BOOK I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!
Lost at sea
ELSEWHERE...
OUT OF MY WAY! THE MASTER NEEDS HIS COD LIVER OIL!
PARDON MOI! *I* WAS FIRST!
ALL THE MASTER NEEDS IS SOME *BEESWAX* TO PUT IN HIS EARS SO HE DOESN'T HAVE TO ENDURE YOUR *TICK TOCK* ANYMORE!
THAT'LL DO! THERE'S TOO MUCH TO DO TO SPEND PRECIOUS TIME QUARRELING!
ALL THE MASTER NEEDS IS A SPOT OF TEA!
CLEAR THE WAY! *I'LL* SAVE THE DAY!

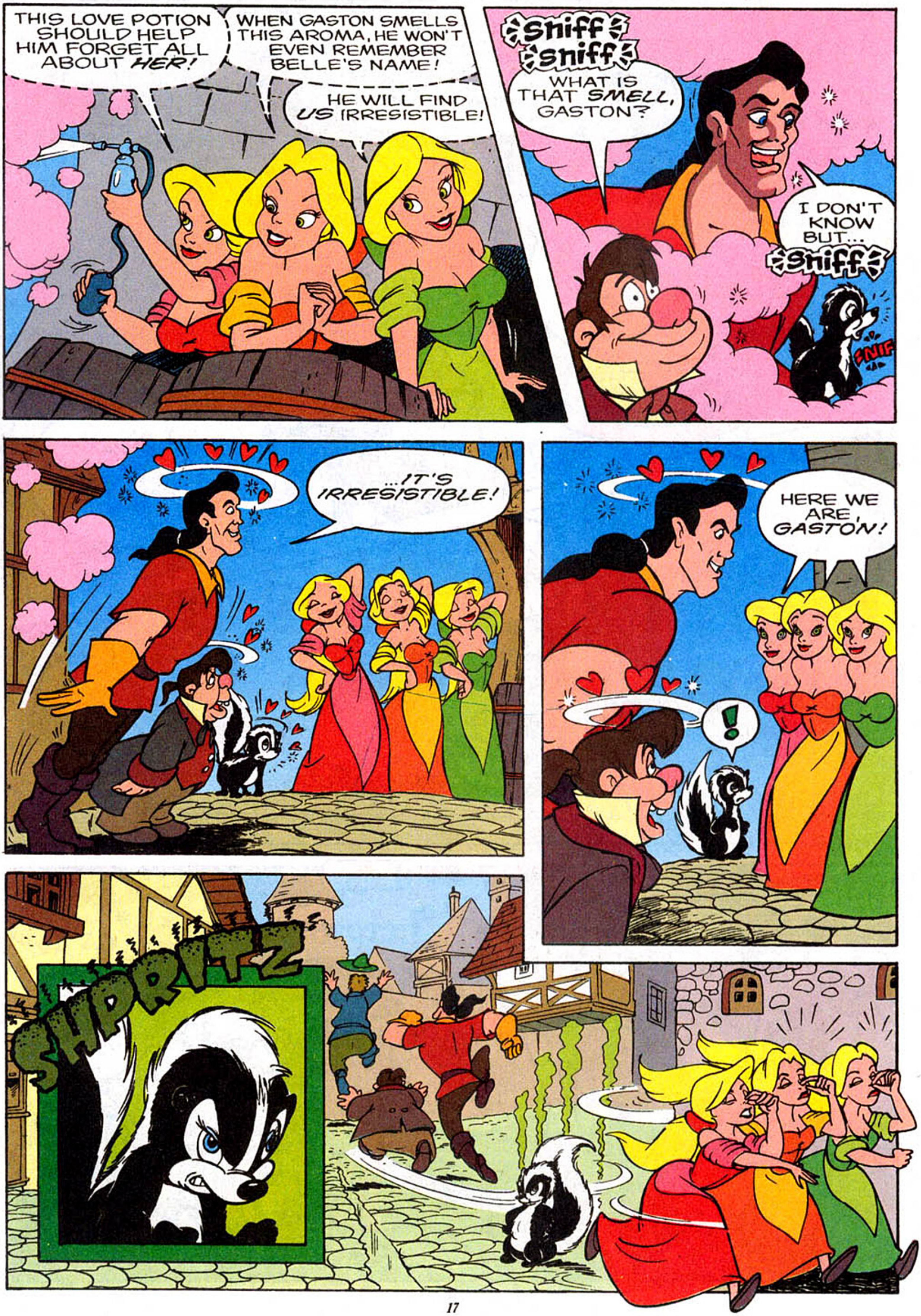

THE MASTER IS JUST HAVING A *BAD HAIR* DAY!
ALL HE NEEDS IS A HUNDRED STROKES!
KNOCK KNOCK
GO AWAY!
BUT, MASTER, IF YOU COULD JUST OPEN THE DOOR, I'M SURE I CAN DO SOMETHING WITH YOUR HAIR--
--ULP!


KLUNK!
CHERIE!
TICK TOCK
WELL! HE'S JUST GOING TO HAVE TO BEG ME THE NEXT TIME HE WANTS A COIFFEUR!
AU REVOIR, MADEMOISELLE!
TICK TOCK
LADIES FIRST.
TICK TOCK
HAAA! SUDDENLY HE'S ALL CHIVALRY!
THANK YOU, COGSWORTH, BUT PERHAPS THE MASTER WOULD LIKE HIS TEA AFTER THE COD LIVER OIL--
--A LITTLE SOMETHING TO WASH IT DOWN WITH!
YOU'RE A COWARD!
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A COWARD?
TICK TOCK
I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S THE COWARD!
TICK TOCK


KNOCK, KNOCK.
TICK TOCK
GUESS NOBODY'S HOME.
TICK TOCK
TRY KNOCKING A LITTLE *LOUDER!*
TICK TOCK
GROWLLL!
WHAT IS IT ***THIS*** *TIME?*
ER... MASTER, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, SIR...
TICK TOCK
I THOUGHT PERHAPS THIS BIT OF COD LIVER OIL WOULD SOOTHE YOUR --
TICK TOCK


--TUMMY!?
KRASH!
ZUT ALORS!
SAKES ALIVE!
I CAN'T MOVE MY HANDS! THEY'RE COVERED WITH OIL!
SLAM!
DON'T WORRY! WE'LL GET YOU TICKING AGAIN.
COME ON, MY FRIEND, YOU CAN DO IT! TICK... TOCK.
THE MASTER CAN BE SUCH A BEAST SOMETIMES!
TICK TOCK
TICK TOCK
AHHH! MUSIC TO MY EARS!
THE *ONLY* ONE WHO CAN REASON WITH THE MASTER IS BELLE.
AT TEA TIME, I'LL ASK HER TO TALK TO HIM.


MEANWHILE IN TOWN...
WHERE *IS* THAT GIRL?
DOESN'T SHE KNOW SHE'S THE LUCKY ONE I'VE CHOSEN TO *MARRY?*
IF *BELLE* KNEW, GASTON...
...SHE'D BE HERE WITH *BELLS* ON!
YES! OF COURSE, SHE WOULD!
PLOP!
AFTER ALL, GASTON, YOU ARE THE ULTIMATE *MANLY* MAN! A *SYMBOL* OF *STRENGTH!*
A *PINNACLE* OF *PROWESS!*
YES, ALL TRUE, LEFOU.
HOW COULD HE CHOOSE THAT BOOKWORM BELLE?
WHEN HE COULD MARRY ONE OF US?
SNIF


THIS LOVE POTION SHOULD HELP HIM FORGET ALL ABOUT *HER*!
WHEN GASTON SMELLS THIS AROMA, HE WON'T EVEN REMEMBER BELLE'S NAME!
HE WILL FIND *US* IRRESISTIBLE!
SNIFF SNIFF
WHAT IS THAT *SMELL*, GASTON?
I DON'T KNOW BUT... SNIFF
SNIF
...IT'S IRRESISTIBLE!
HERE WE ARE, GASTON!
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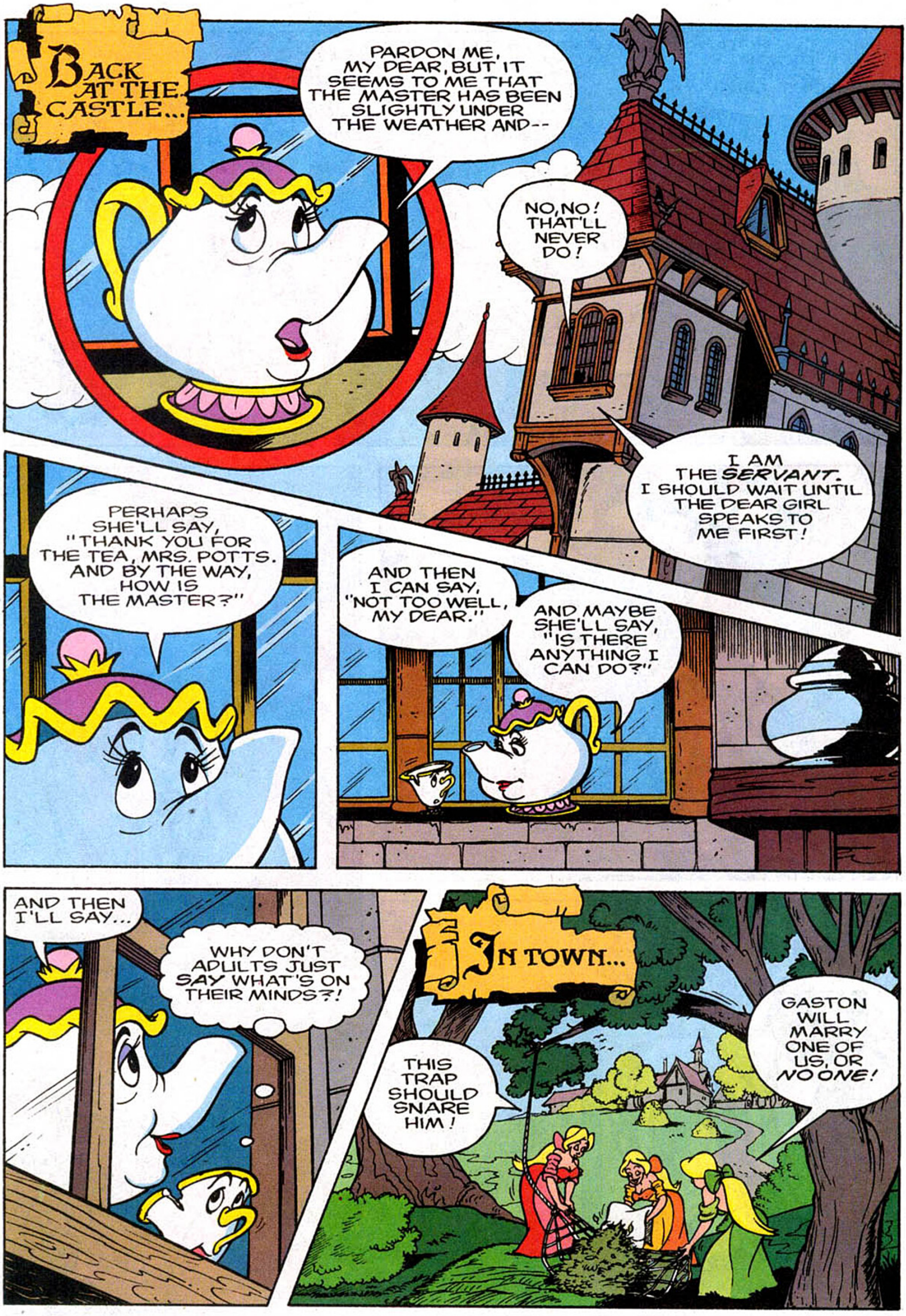
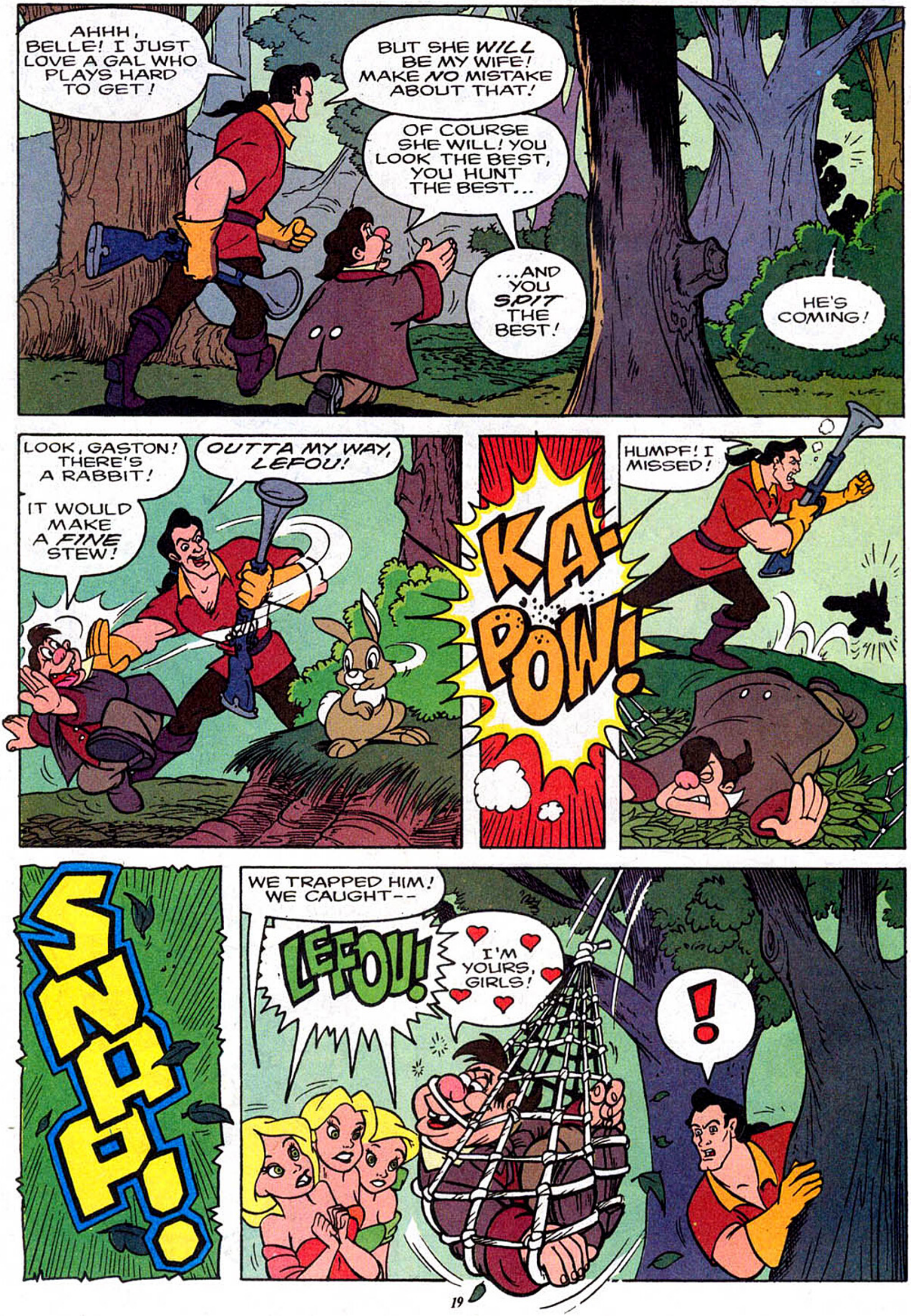
SHPRITZ


BACK AT THE CASTLE...
PARDON ME, MY DEAR, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE MASTER HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY UNDER THE WEATHER AND--
NO, NO! THAT'LL NEVER DO!
I AM THE *SERVANT*. I SHOULD WAIT UNTIL THE DEAR GIRL SPEAKS TO ME FIRST!
PERHAPS SHE'LL SAY, "THANK YOU FOR THE TEA, MRS. POTTS. AND BY THE WAY, HOW IS THE MASTER?"
AND THEN I CAN SAY, "NOT TOO WELL, MY DEAR."
AND MAYBE SHE'LL SAY, "IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?"
AND THEN I'LL SAY...
WHY DON'T ADULTS JUST *SAY* WHAT'S ON THEIR MINDS?!
IN TOWN...
THIS TRAP SHOULD SNARE HIM!
GASTON WILL MARRY ONE OF US, OR *NO ONE*!


AHHH, BELLE! I JUST LOVE A GAL WHO PLAYS HARD TO GET!
BUT SHE *WILL* BE MY WIFE! MAKE *NO* MISTAKE ABOUT THAT!
OF COURSE SHE WILL! YOU LOOK THE BEST, YOU HUNT THE BEST...
...AND YOU *SPIT* THE BEST!
HE'S COMING!
LOOK, GASTON! THERE'S A RABBIT!
IT WOULD MAKE A *FINE* STEW!
OUTTA MY WAY, LEFOU!
KA-POW!
HUMPF! I MISSED!
SNAP!
WE TRAPPED HIM! WE CAUGHT--
LEFOU!
I'M YOURS, GIRLS!
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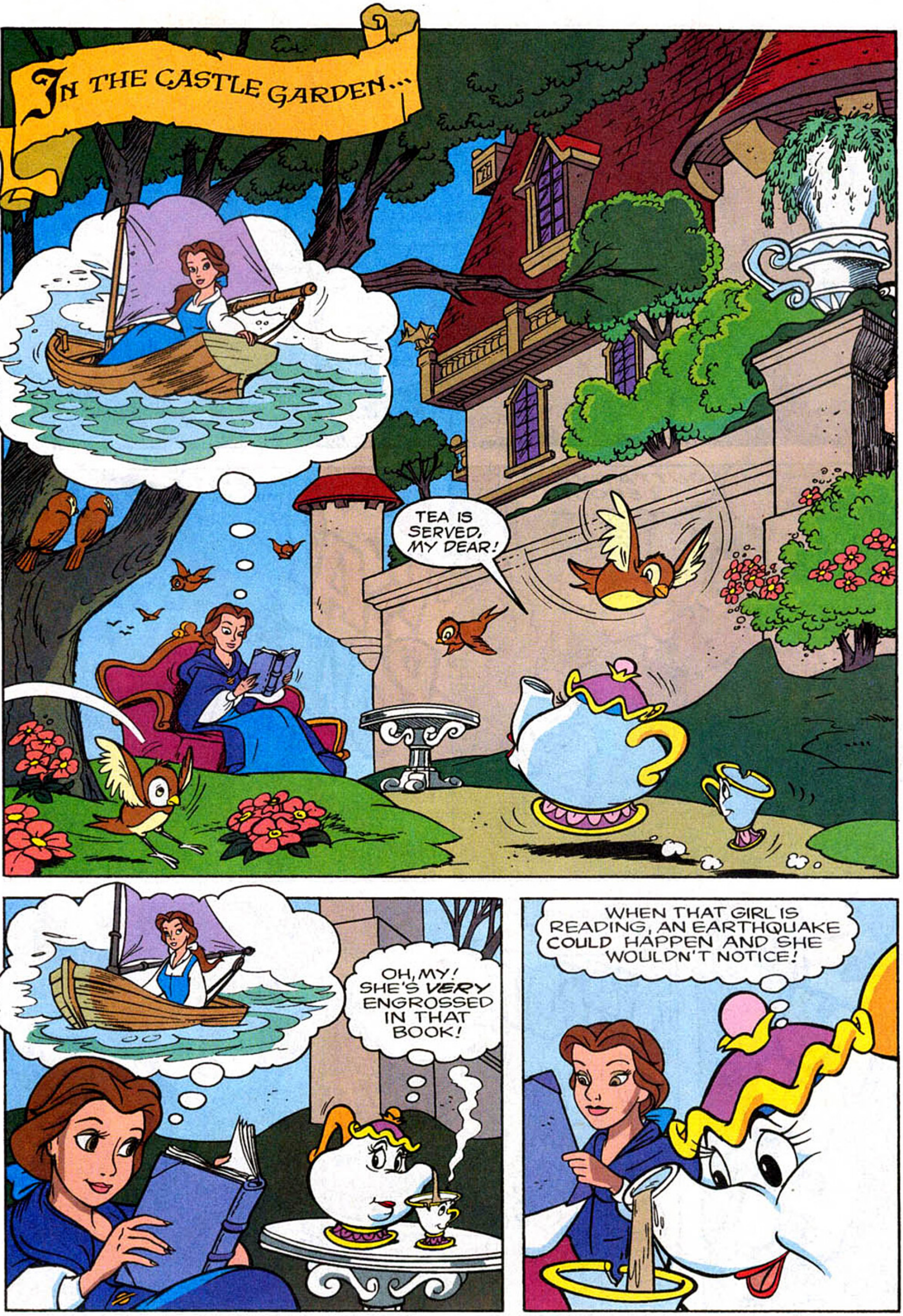
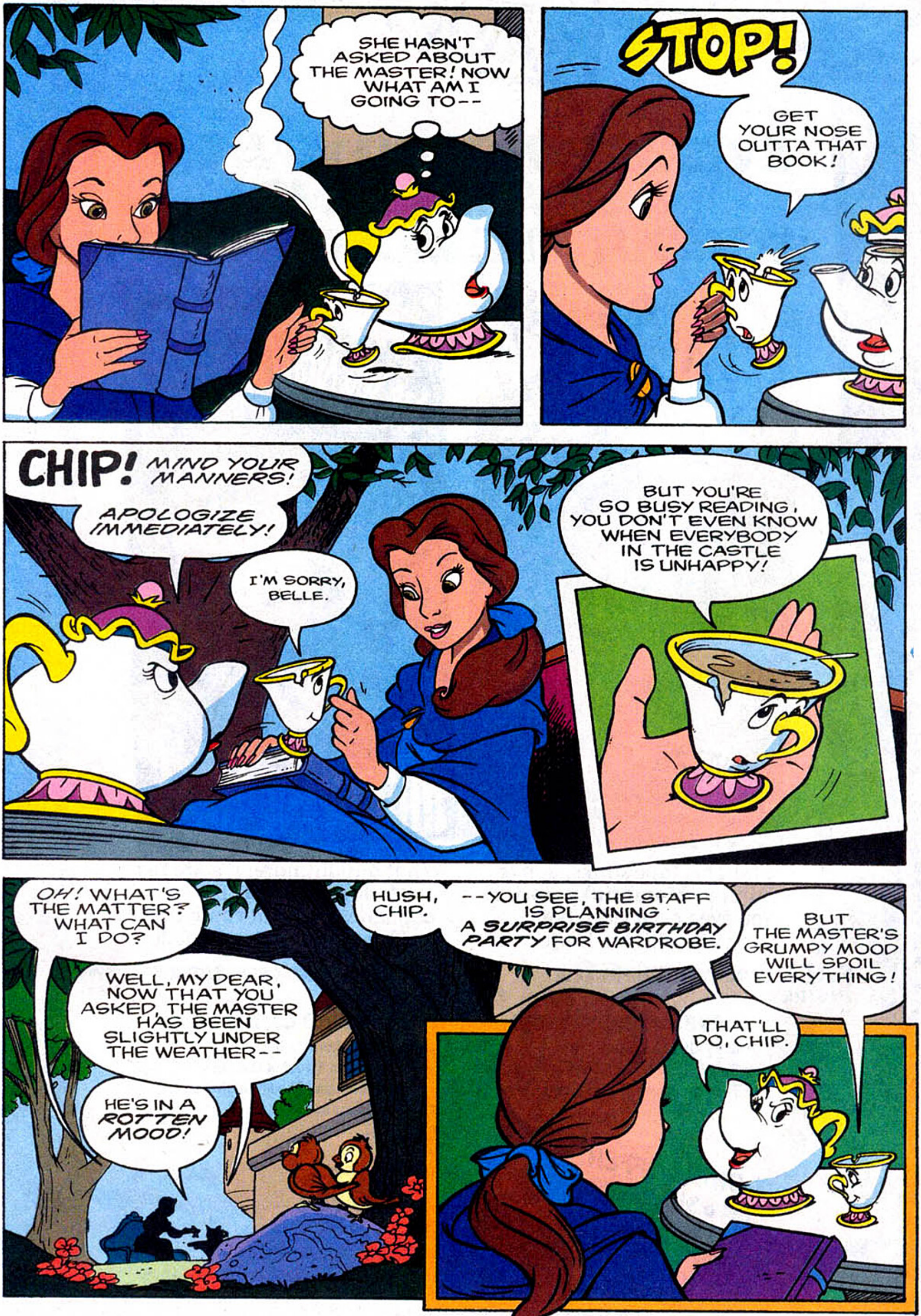
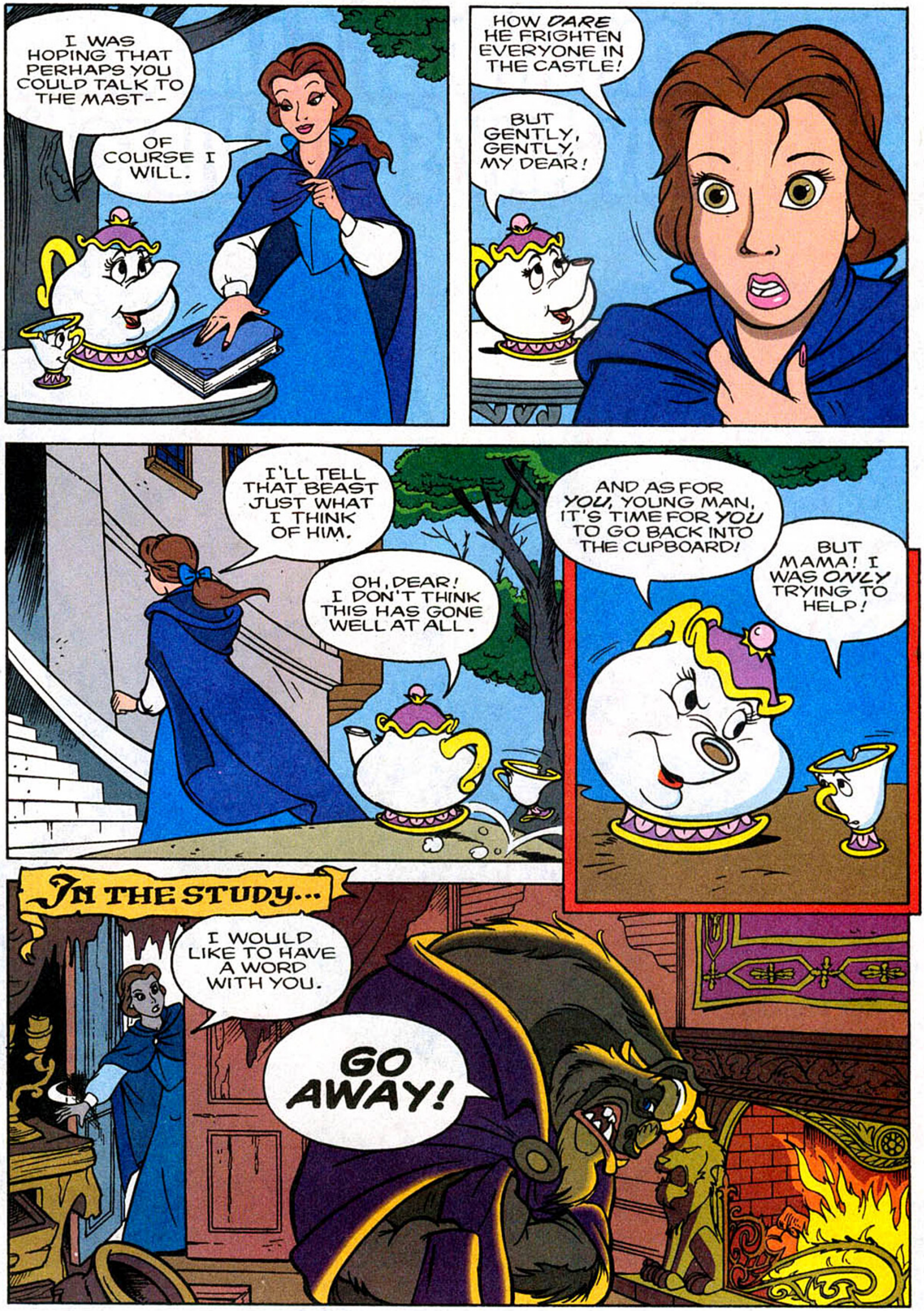
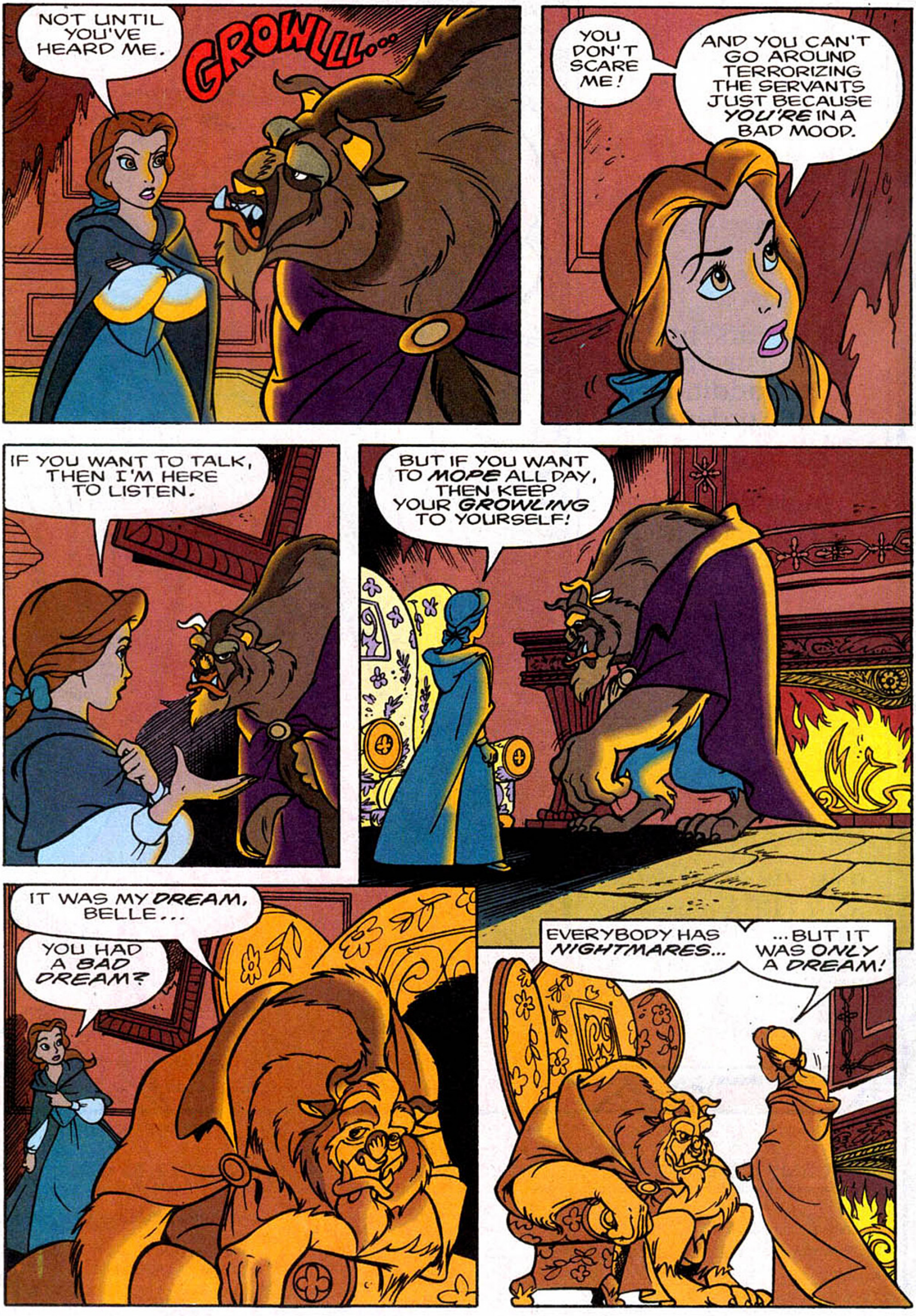
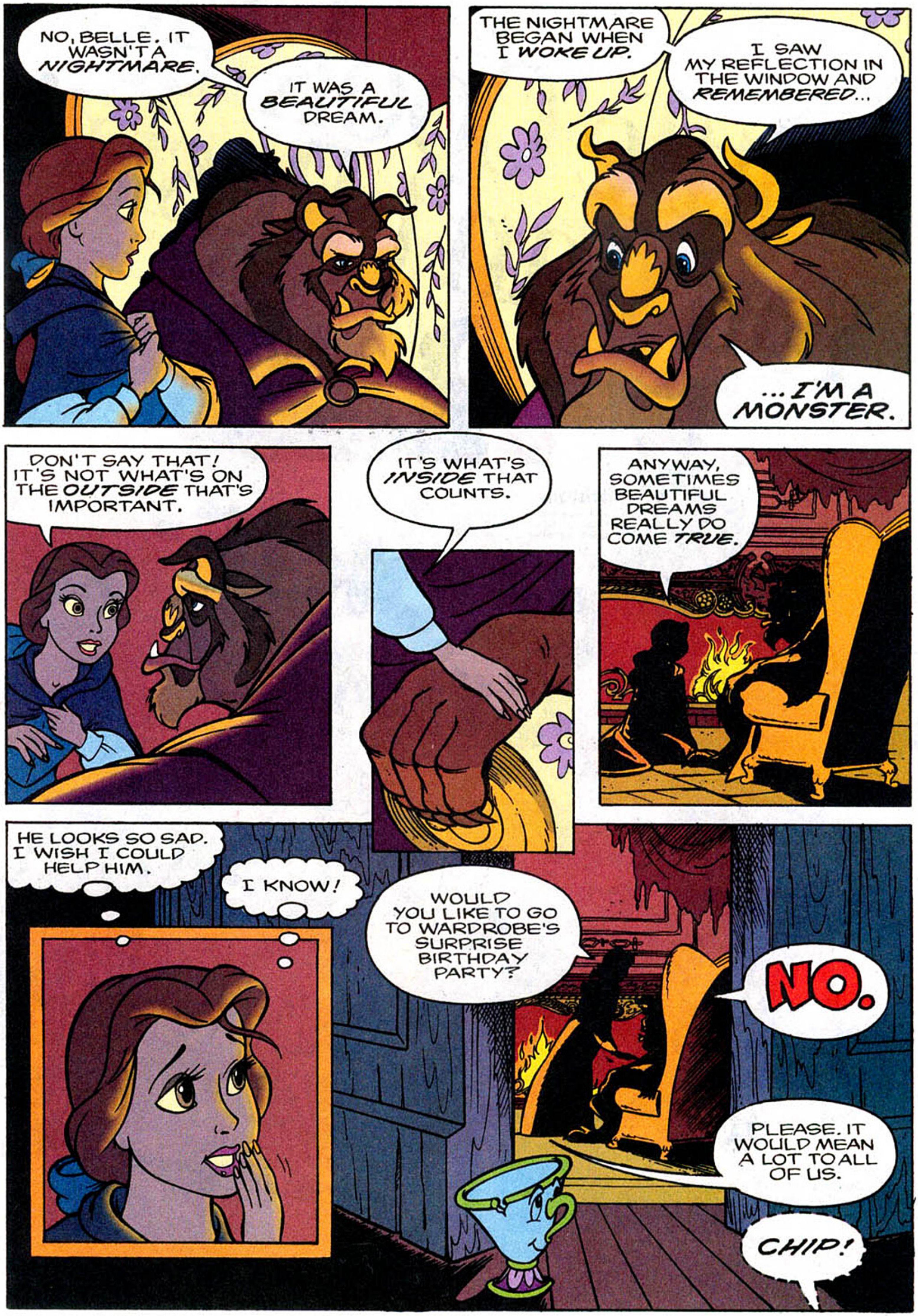
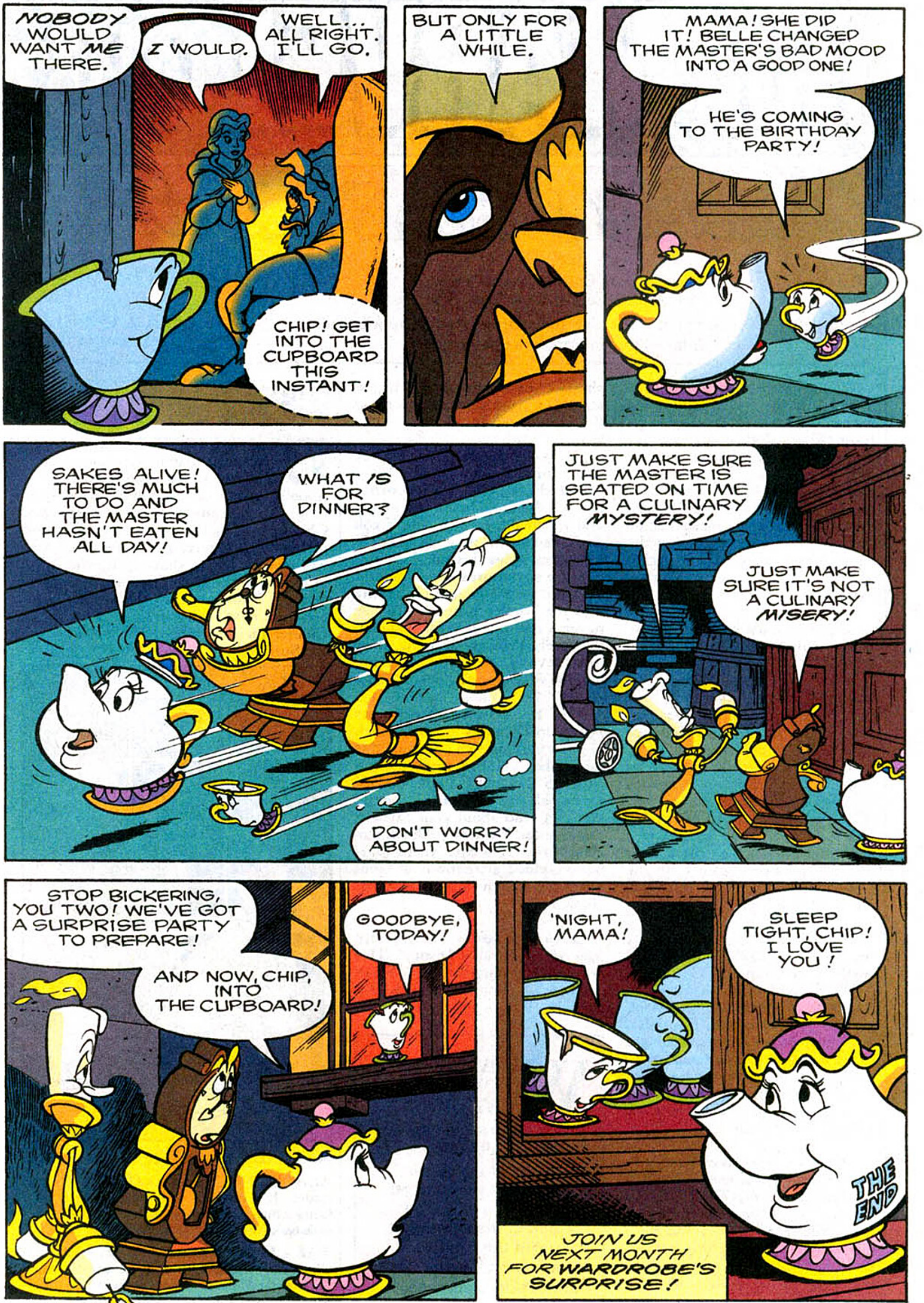

IN THE CASTLE GARDEN...
TEA IS SERVED, MY DEAR!
OH, MY! SHE'S *VERY* ENGROSSED IN THAT BOOK!
WHEN THAT GIRL IS READING, AN EARTHQUAKE COULD HAPPEN AND SHE WOULDN'T NOTICE!


SHE HASN'T ASKED ABOUT THE MASTER! NOW WHAT AM I GOING TO--
STOP!
GET YOUR NOSE OUTTA THAT BOOK!
CHIP! MIND YOUR MANNERS!
APOLOGIZE IMMEDIATELY!
I'M SORRY, BELLE.
BUT YOU'RE SO BUSY READING, YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHEN EVERYBODY IN THE CASTLE IS UNHAPPY!
OH! WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHAT CAN I DO?
WELL, MY DEAR, NOW THAT YOU ASKED, THE MASTER HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY UNDER THE WEATHER--
HE'S IN A ROTTEN MOOD!
HUSH, CHIP.
--YOU SEE, THE STAFF IS PLANNING A SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR WARDROBE.
BUT THE MASTER'S GRUMPY MOOD WILL SPOIL EVERYTHING!
THAT'LL DO, CHIP.


I WAS HOPING THAT PERHAPS YOU COULD TALK TO THE MAST--
OF COURSE I WILL.
HOW *DARE* HE FRIGHTEN EVERYONE IN THE CASTLE!
BUT GENTLY, GENTLY, MY DEAR!
I'LL TELL THAT BEAST JUST WHAT I THINK OF HIM.
OH, DEAR! I DON'T THINK THIS HAS GONE WELL AT ALL.
AND AS FOR *YOU*, YOUNG MAN, IT'S TIME FOR *YOU* TO GO BACK INTO THE CUPBOARD!
BUT MAMA! I WAS *ONLY* TRYING TO HELP!
IN THE STUDY...
I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU.
GO AWAY!


NOT UNTIL YOU'VE HEARD ME.
GROWLLL...
YOU DON'T SCARE ME!
AND YOU CAN'T GO AROUND TERRORIZING THE SERVANTS JUST BECAUSE *YOU'RE* IN A BAD MOOD.
IF YOU WANT TO TALK, THEN I'M HERE TO LISTEN.
BUT IF YOU WANT TO *MOPE* ALL DAY, THEN KEEP YOUR *GROWLING* TO YOURSELF!
IT WAS MY *DREAM*, BELLE...
YOU HAD A *BAD DREAM?*
EVERYBODY HAS *NIGHTMARES...*
...BUT IT WAS *ONLY* A *DREAM!*


NO, BELLE. IT WASN'T A *NIGHTMARE*.
IT WAS A *BEAUTIFUL* DREAM.
THE NIGHTMARE BEGAN WHEN I *WOKE UP*.
I SAW MY REFLECTION IN THE WINDOW AND *REMEMBERED*...
...*I'M A MONSTER*.
DON'T SAY THAT! IT'S NOT WHAT'S ON THE *OUTSIDE* THAT'S IMPORTANT.
IT'S WHAT'S *INSIDE* THAT COUNTS.
ANYWAY, SOMETIMES BEAUTIFUL DREAMS REALLY DO COME *TRUE*.
HE LOOKS SO SAD. I WISH I COULD HELP HIM.
I KNOW!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO WARDROBE'S SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY?
NO.
PLEASE. IT WOULD MEAN A LOT TO ALL OF US.
CHIP!


NOBODY WOULD WANT ME THERE.
I WOULD.
WELL... ALL RIGHT. I'LL GO.
CHIP! GET INTO THE CUPBOARD THIS INSTANT!
BUT ONLY FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
MAMA! SHE DID IT! BELLE CHANGED THE MASTER'S BAD MOOD INTO A GOOD ONE!
HE'S COMING TO THE BIRTHDAY PARTY!
SAKES ALIVE! THERE'S MUCH TO DO AND THE MASTER HASN'T EATEN ALL DAY!
WHAT IS FOR DINNER?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT DINNER!
JUST MAKE SURE THE MASTER IS SEATED ON TIME FOR A CULINARY MYSTERY!
JUST MAKE SURE IT'S NOT A CULINARY MISERY!
STOP BICKERING, YOU TWO! WE'VE GOT A SURPRISE PARTY TO PREPARE!
AND NOW, CHIP, INTO THE CUPBOARD!
GOODBYE, TODAY!
'NIGHT, MAMA!
SLEEP TIGHT, CHIP! I LOVE YOU!
THE END
JOIN US NEXT MONTH FOR WARDROBE'S SURPRISE!

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Welcome to the Marvelous World of Disney! This is the first month of all-new Disney titles from Marvel Comics and we thank you for being here with us! The Walt Disney Company's enduring legacy of characters have animated the screen, and many, many book pages for more than 60 years. Now you can enjoy the continuing magic of your favorites every month, here in Marvel Comics!

Disney's most celebrated full-length animated motion picture, BEAUTY & THE BEAST, finally makes it to Marvel Comics! We hope you enjoyed your very first issue of romance and adventure starring beautiful Belle, hideous Beast, Belle's enchanted friends, Lumiere, Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts and Chip, and of course, pompous Gaston and the fool, LeFou! There're more brand-new tales from the world's best-known romantic classic right here next month, and every month, in the pages of BEAUTY & THE BEAST.

Also this month, hold your breath and plunge into the underwater wonderland of THE LITTLE MERMAID. In this wet and wild monthly comic, Ariel, along with Sebastian, Flounder, and their undersea pals, manages to get into one fix after another in each edition. Try as he may, Sebastian can't keep the mischievous Ariel out of trouble... and out of King Triton's hair!

All of the world is clamoring to see Disney's latest smash animated feature film, THE LION KING! Now you can own the beautifully-drawn Marvel Comics adaptation of the touching story of the lion cub, Simba, and his coming of age in the circle of life. Be sure to ask at your local comics shop or the neighborhood newsstand for your very own copy of this Disney classic.

Next month, "magic" is the key word for the debut of the long-awaited ALADDIN monthly comic! Millions loved the movie and watched the video, and if you can't wait for the new ALADDIN television series this fall, here are all new adventures every month! Thanks to the ever-lovin' genie and his wacky powers, there's never a dull moment for Aladdin, the lovely Princess Jasmine, their mischievous simian friend, Abu, and the wise-cracking parrot, Iago.

On television, afternoons belong to Disney with their block of great cartoon hits. Starting this September, you can enjoy the fun of DISNEY AFTERNOON comics all day long! Each month, you can read about your favorite crimebuster, Darkwing Duck; stories of the Tale Spin team, plus bonus added attractions of Goof Troop and that comic cop, Bonkers!

Thanks for visiting the Marvelous World of Disney! This is just the beginning! Stick around, it's gonna be a heck of a ride!

WE WANT YOUR LETTERS!

We'd love to see your comments and ideas about the issue you've just read. We'll even print them on these pages if you send them in to the address at the top of this page. Remember to include your name, address, and age!

NEXT MONTH:

BEAUTY & THE BEAST #2 - It's a lesson in manners as Belle clashes with the Beast, and then tries to smooth Beast's savage ways. Meanwhile, Cogsworth, Lumiere, Mrs. Potts, and Chip frantically try to put together a surprise birthday party for Wardrobe... how will they get her to show up for the soiree in her honor? Will Beast allow Belle to attend? Find out when the Disney thrills continue next month from Marvel in "A Chance for Romance, Part 2: Wardrobe's Big Surprise"!

AND NEXT MONTH IN -

ALADDIN #1, "Aladdin's Quest" - Premier issue! It'll take all of Aladdin's wits...and Genie's magic...to get through the three impossible tasks the Sultan sets before him!

THE LITTLE MERMAID #2, "All That Glitters" - Ariel gets in deep-sea trouble when the Lobster Mobster enters the scene and upsets King Triton's banquet for visiting royalty!

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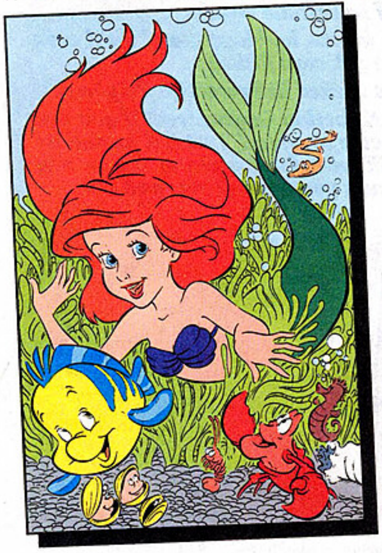

THE LITTLE MERMAID #1 — "Sink or Swim" - Premier issue! With Sebastian and Flounder in pursuit, headstrong Ariel strikes out on her own to pursue a career. They tangle with rowdy oysters, funky walruses, and Tommy Tuna! But the evil Manta gets wind of the situation and schemes to steal King Triton's crown! Can Ariel stop the theft *and* star in the Finny Follies?

THE LION KING #1 — All the jungle excitement of Disney's latest and greatest animated feature hit is now available to take home in Marvel's 48-page full-color adaptation! Thrill to the adventures of Simba and Nala, fear the evil Scar and relive the last days of King Mufasa! And if this isn't enough Lion King for you, stick around for the THE LION KING monthly series coming soon from mighty Marvel!